

Hearing God :: The Result

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READ ISAIAH 55:1-3 • PRAY

Review:

- God speaks to people through his Word and his Spirit.
- He speaks to those who pursue him.
- We test our "promptings" against God's Word with God's people.

Simple Recipe for Hearing God

With Faith: **Read . Pray . Discuss . Obey**

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.
James 1:22

[Jesus] "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock..."
Matthew 7:24

IF WE HEAR, WE MUST OBEY

Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.
1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

SOME THINGS PREVENT, SOME THINGS DISTORT, BUT IT'S POSSIBLE TO QUENCH

*If we hear, we must obey, or God might **stop speaking**.*
I THOUGHT ABOUT HOW TO PRESENT THIS • BUT THEN I THOUGHT I SHOULD ASK GOD
I WANT YOU TO KNOW WHY GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

God speaks to **give life**.

FROM THE DAYS OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN, PEOPLE HAVE THOUGHT OF GOD'S WORD AS LIMITING...
EVEN EVE AND THE SERPENT •• IF WE SEE GOD'S WORD AS LIMITING, WE WILL RESIST!!

vv. 1-3 :: God **satisfies** us with **delight**.

vv. 3-5 :: God endows us with **splendor**.

vv. 6-9 :: God offers us **himself**.

vv. 10-11 :: God's **Word** always **works**.

PROMISE:

Following God's **voice** always
leads to God's **results**.

WARNING:

If we won't **obey** the word that's **given**,
God has no reason to give **more**.

DO YOU NEED THE PROMISE OR THE WARNING?

vv. 12-13 :: God offers **joy** and **blessing**.

God speaks to give life!

*Those who **hear and follow, live!***

THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO BE IN THE FLOW OF GOD'S VOICE

ILL: GREEN LAKE GALLERY / GLOWING WAVES IN CALIFORNIA / PICKING UP THE GUITAR
IF I HADN'T OBEYED, I WOULD HAVE MISSED OUT ON SO MUCH!

Take it home

Have you been hearing? Have you been following?
DO YOU NEED THE PROMISE OR THE WARNING?

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

Isaiah 55:1-3

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Luke 22:20